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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Sampson <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Chunduru, S.
Serial No.:	09/836,012	Art Unit:	1637
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Title:	METHOD AND REAGENTS FOR ANALYZING THE NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS		

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The deadline for responding to the Office Action without fees is December 2, 2004. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.